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SUBJECT: BODYUL'S REMARKS ON FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC CRITICS

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1. ALTHOUGH NOT ACTION ADDRESSEE OF REFTTEL, WE ARE
POUCHING A COPY OF MOLDAVIAN FIRST SECRETARY BODYUL'S
REMARKS DELIVERED ON SEPTEMBER 16. THE OCCASION WAS
A SCHOLARLY CONFERENCE ON NATIONALITIES AFFAIRS IN KISHINEV
AND WAS ATTENDED BY SCHOLARS FROM MOSCOW, KISHINEV, KIEV,
AND MINSK. BODYUL GAVE THE MAIN REPORT WHICH WAS PUBLISHED
IN THE FOLLOWING DAY'S ISSUE OF SOVIETSKAYA MOLDAVIYA.

2. DOBYUL OPENED HIS SPEECH WITH A DISQUISITION ON
THE FORMATION UNDER MATURE SOCIALISM OF THE MULTINATIONAL
SOVIET PEOPLE AS A NEW HISTORIC COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE
BASED ON HARMONIOUS RELATIONS BETWEEN CLASSES AND
SOCIAL GROUPS, NATIONS AND NATIONALITIES OF THE USSR.
THE ORGANIC ALLOYING OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL
IN ART AND CULTURE GIVES BIRTH TO COMMON FEATURES FOR
ALL NATIONAL CULTURES WHICH, HE CLAIMED, ARE MERGING
INTO A UNIFORM CIVILIZATION OF THE COMMUNIST SOCIETY.
THE SPECIFIC MANIFESTATION OF THIS PROCESS, HE STATED,
IS THE DESIRE OF MOLDAVIANS TO KNOW ART AND CULTURE
OF THE WORLD THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF THE RUSSIAN

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LANGUAGE -- "THE PRICELESS GIFT OF THE ALL-NATIONAL

CULTURE OF THE ENTIRE SOVIET PEOPLE."

3. THIS SAID, HE THEN FLAYED THE ENEMIES OF SOCIAL PROGRESS WHO ALLEGEDLY DISTORT MARXIST-LENINIST THEORY ON THE NATIONALITIES QUESTION AND TRY BY THE BASEST METHODS TO SUBVERT THE UNITY AND FRIENDSHIP OF SOVIET PEOPLES BY FALSE STATEMENTS ABOUT THE RUSSIFICATION OF PEOPLES, SOVIET COLONIALIS, ETC.

4. NEXT HE ACCUSED THE MAOISTS OF SIDING WITH THE FORCES OF EVIL AND REACTION AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION IN ORDER TO SPLIT THE COMMUNIST, WORKERS, AND LIBERATION MOVEMENT, TO WEAKEN THE INTERNATIONAL POSITIONS OF SOCIALIST SOCIETY, AND TO OCCUPY THE LEADING PLACE IN THE WORLD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE.

5. BODYUL SAID GREAT HARM TO SOCIAL PROGRESS IS INFLICTED BY VARIOUS OPPORTUNISTIC SCHOOLS, ESPECIALLY REVISIONISTS OF MARXIST-LENINIST THEORY. THEY EXAGGERATE THE NATIONAL VS THE INTERNATIONAL AT THE EXPENSE OF PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM, PREACH "NATIONAL COMMUNISM, POLYMARXISM, AND DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM," AND FALSIFY LENINIST PRINCIPLES ON THE RIGHT OF PEOPLES TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND SOVEREIGNTY AND ON PROLETARIAN AND SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALISM: THIS IS DONE, SAID BODYUL, TO DIMINISH THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CPSU EXPERIENCE IN BUILDING SOCIALISM AND IMPROVING NATIONAL RELATIONS.

6. BODYUL CLAIMED THAT IT IS "OUR DUTY" TO REBUFF THOSE "DEMOGOGIC POLITICIANS WHO DEPART FROM SCIENTIFIC COMMUNISM UNDER THE BANNER OF DEVELOPMENT OF ALLEGEDLY OBSOLETE THEORETICAL AND PARCTICAL DOCTRINES ON THE BUILDING OF SOCIALISM AND COMMUNISM PRODUCED BY MARX, ENGELS, AND LENIN." BODYUL STATED THAT THEY MUST STRUGGLE AGAINST "THOSE POLITICIANS WHO SAY THAT EACH PARTY MUST HAVE ITS OWN THEORETICAL CONCEPTION OF COMMUNISM." FURTHERMORE, BODYUL SAID THAT SCIENTIFIC COMMUNISM HAS NOTHING IN COMMON WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"NARROWLY-NATIONAL PRAGMATISM AND SUBJECTIVISM."

7. COMMENT: AS NOTED IN REFTTEL, BODYUL IS OBVIOUSLY ADDRESSING SOME OF HIS REMARKS ABROAD. IN ADDITION TO THE REMARKS ON THE "SOVIET PEOPLE" WHICH IS PART OF THE DOMESTIC DIALOGUE ON THE DIRECTION OF THE SOVIET MELTING POT APPROACH TO NATIONAL CULTURES, HE BLASTED CRITICS WHO CHARGE RUSSIFICATION. THESE

CRITICS ARE BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN. THE TARGETS OF HIS VITUPERATION IN PARAS 5 AND 6 ARE UNNAMED BUT OBVIOUSLY INCLUDE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST REVISIONISTS, THE YUGOSLAVS, AND APPARENTLY THE ROMANIANS. BODYUL'S LABEL OF "DEMAGOGIC POLITICIANS" MAY WELL BE AIMED AT CEAUCESCU. IN THIS CASE, BODYUL MAY BE DOING MOSCOW'S HATCHED WORK, BUT HE ALSO HAS A STRONG LOCAL INTEREST SINCE MOLDAVIA'S GREATEST NATIONALITY PROBLEM IS THAT MOST OF ITS CITIZENS SPEAK A BRAND OF ROMANIAN AND MANY STILL REMEMBER THE DAYS OF ROMANIAN RULE. THERE IS A CONSTANT DRUMFIRE OF CRITICISM IN THE MOLDAVIAN PRESS AGAINST ROMANIAN HISTORICAL CLAIMS ON MOLDAVIA, AND WE ARE MORE INCLINED TO FIT BODYUL'S SPEECH INTO THIS HISTORY OF BICKERING THAN TO SEE IT AS THE BEGINNING OF A SOVIET ONSLAUGHT ON CEASCESCU. IN FACT, IT IS THE VULNERABILITY OF MOSCOW AND, IN THIS CASE, KISHINEV TO CHARGES OF CULTURAL IMPERIALISM AND LINGUISTIC EXTIRPATION WHICH EXPLAINS THE HIGH PITCH OF SOVIET REACTIONS.

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